Docket No. COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity) 17469 In Re Application Of: Kazunori Taniguchi, et al. Confirmation No. Customer No. **Group Art Unit** Filing Date Examiner Application No. 3773 2589 Vy Q. Bui 23389 10/784,634 February 23, 2004 Invention: SURGICAL INSTRUMENT **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 8, 2008 in the above-identified application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): ☐ Four months ☐ Five months ☐ Two months ☐ Three months July 8, 2008 until: August 8, 2008 from: Date Date The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below: **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** HIGHEST # NUMBER EXTRA ADDITIONAL. **CLAIMS REMAINING** RATE **CLAIMS PRESENT** FEE PREV. PAID FOR AFTER AMENDMENT \$0.00 9 20 0 Х \$50.00 **TOTAL CLAIMS** \$0.00 \$210.00 1 3 0 INDEP, CLAIMS \$0.00 FEE FOR AMENDMENT \$120.00 FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME \$120.00 TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME

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